

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:

a liquid-permeable topsheet positioned at a surface that is contactable with a human body;

a non liquid-permeable backsheet positioned at a surface  
5 opposite to the topsheet;

an absorbent body provided between the topsheet and the backsheet; and

[[a]] three-dimensional ~~gather~~ gathers formed at the topsheet side to be raised at both side portions in a  
10 longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

~~a folding portion at which the backsheet is folded up to the topsheet side substantially along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;~~

~~an attachment portion of the topsheet to which a part of the folding portion is adhered along both side portions in the longitudinal direction; and~~

~~an adhesion section at which the attachment portion is folded up to the topsheet side and which is adhered to the topsheet substantially along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;~~

~~wherein the folding portion constitutes at least a part of  
the three-dimensional gather~~

wherein the backsheet includes folding portions which are  
folded up to the topsheet side along both side portions in the  
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

wherein a part of each of the folding portions is adhered to  
the topsheet at a corresponding attachment portion to be flat  
along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the  
absorbent body;

wherein the topsheet includes adhesion sections along both  
side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body  
at each of which the corresponding attachment portion of the  
topsheet is folded up to the topsheet side and adhered to the  
topsheet;

wherein the three-dimensional gathers are adhered to the  
flat folding portions so as to form flat root portions along both  
side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent  
body; and

wherein the folding portions constitute at least a part of  
the three-dimensional gathers.

9. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to  
claim 8, wherein the three-dimensional ~~gather comprises~~ gathers  
comprise the folding ~~portion~~ portions and a non liquid-permeable

nonwoven ~~fabric~~ fabrics at least partially adhered to the folding  
5 ~~portion~~ portions, and wherein the three-dimensional ~~gather has a~~  
gathers have free ~~end~~ ends structured with the non  
liquid-permeable nonwoven ~~fabric~~ fabrics.

10. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to  
claim 9, wherein the non liquid-permeable nonwoven ~~fabric is~~  
fabrics are adhered to ~~a surface~~ surfaces that ~~is~~ are opposite to  
5 ~~a surface~~ surfaces of the folding ~~portion~~ portions that ~~faces~~  
face the topsheet.

11. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to  
claim 10, wherein the non liquid-permeable nonwoven ~~fabric is~~  
fabrics are adhered to the backsheet from ~~an~~ an adhesion starting  
5 ~~point~~ points that ~~is~~ are at an inner side in a width direction  
than ~~a~~ folding starting ~~point~~ points of the folding ~~portion~~  
portions.

12. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The absorbent article  
according to claim 9, wherein:

the backsheet includes a ramie nonwoven fabric; and

the non liquid-permeable nonwoven ~~fabric is~~ fabrics are  
5 adhered to ~~a surface~~ surfaces of the folding ~~portion~~ portions  
that ~~faces~~ face the topsheet.

Claim 13-20 (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) An inner absorbent article,  
comprising:

5 a liquid-permeable topsheet positioned at a surface that is  
contactable with a human body;

a non liquid-permeable backsheet positioned at a surface  
opposite to the topsheet;

an absorbent body provided between the topsheet and the  
backsheet;

10 [[a]] three-dimensional ~~gather~~ gathers formed at the  
topsheet side to be raised at both side portions in a  
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

~~a folding portion at which the backsheet is folded up to the  
topsheet side substantially along both side portions in the  
15 longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;~~

~~an attachment portion of the topsheet to which a part of the  
folding portion is adhered along both side portions in the  
longitudinal direction; and~~

~~an adhesion section at which the attachment portion is  
20 folded up to the topsheet side and which is adhered to the  
topsheet substantially along both side portions in the  
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;~~

~~wherein the folding portion constitutes at least a part of  
the three-dimensional gather~~

25       wherein the backsheet includes folding portions which are  
folded up to the topsheet side along both side portions in the  
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

wherein a part of each of the folding portions is adhered to  
the topsheet at a corresponding attachment portion to be flat  
30 along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the  
absorbent body;

wherein the topsheet includes adhesion sections along both  
side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body  
at each of which the corresponding attachment portion of the  
35 topsheet is folded up to the topsheet side and adhered to the  
topsheet;

wherein the three-dimensional gathers are adhered to the  
flat folding portions so as to form flat root portions along both  
side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent  
40 body; and

wherein the folding portions constitute at least a part of  
the three-dimensional gathers.

Claim 22 (Canceled).